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TAGS: SREF, GJ (LAGRENADE, SIBYL SYLVESTER)

SUBJ: REQUEST FOR ASYLUM (LA GRENADE, SIBYL SYLVESTER)

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IT IS TRUE THAT POLITICAL OPPONENTS OF PRIME MINISTER
GAIRY HAVE EXPERIENCED HARASSMENT AND THAT, DURING THE TROUBLES
ATTENDANT UPON GRENADA'S ACCESSION TO INDEPENDENCE EARLY IN
1974, RUPERT BISHOP WAS KILLED. WE DOUBT, HOWEVER, THAT MRS.
LAGRENADE HAS ANY REASON TO FEAR FOR HER SAFETY SHOULD SHE RETURN TO
GRENADA AND ABSTAIN FROM POLITICAL ACTIVITY. WHILE HARDLY
A DEMOCRACY, GRENADA IS FAR FROM BEING A FULL-FLEDGED POLICE
STATE. THOUGH A FEW PERSONS HAVE BEEN ARRESTED FOR POLITICAL
ACTIVITY WITHIN THE LAST YEAR, THEY HAVE INVARIABLY BEEN RE-
LEASED AFTER A FEW DAYS. INCIDENTALLY, INSOFAR AS WE ARE
AWARE, THE GRENADA HOUSEWIVES ASSOCIATION IS NO LONGER ACTIVE
AND, CONSEQUENTLY, NEITHER THE ORGANIZATION NOR ANY OF ITS
OFFICERS IS LIKELY TO BE A TARGET OF THE GAIRY REGIME.

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